

Region II Interagency Coordinating Committee
3/5/07 meeting minutes

In attendance: Nancy Rubbelke, Wendy Thomas, Kathy Lee, Mary Lou Holliday, Dawn Klein, Dawn Milbrath, Thea Holm, Barb Johnson, Alan Ekbal, Celeste Barfield,

1. The minutes from last meeting (Nov 2006) were passed out along with the meeting agenda.
2. Taking over for Melissa Flood as the Family Advocate for the Minot AFB was Celeste Barfield.
3. Mary Lou Holliday announced that the next MIDP Playgroup would be March 15, 2007 at 6:30 at Head Start and that Dawn Klein; the new Experienced Parent would help with planning the upcoming event. Invitations were sent out to past and present parents and all siblings are encouraged to come and join the fun
4. Kathy Lee reported on the Compliance Monitoring Scores from the telephone meeting held this morning. Plans that were randomly evaluated were pulled before staff training; which caused the scores to be very low.
5. There is much Legislative action going on right now and Roxanne Rominack has been very active with our congressmen and other representatives on the Part C Budget cuts. There will be a study done on the issue of finding alternative actions. Another issue discussed was the "Goodness of Fit" and whether or not our program will stay under Human Services or move to DPI. A study group has been assigned to address this issue during the interim.
6. The issue of full-day kindergarten was discussed and if it was considered developmentally appropriate. Parents would have the option to pick their children up during lunch if they so chose. A concern was raised that in some small schools, providing full day kindergarten could jeopardize existing preschool programs due to lack of additional funds. Children enrolled in these inclusive programs would then be forced to travel great distances for the nearest ECSE services.
7. The member update was passed around and will either be e-mailed to members or handed out at the next meeting.
8. Wendy Thomas, Kathy Lee and Holly Pederson will be attending the national Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Conference in Salt Lake City March 26-28, 2007.
9. Right Track Report was given for October 2006 through December 2006. In Ward County 100 children were screened and there were 38 new referrals. Twelve referrals from partents/grandparents, 16 from NDCPD, 8 from Children's Special Health Services, 5 from Hospital/Clinic, 7 from CAPTA, 2 from MSU and 2 from Right Track. In the Peace Garden Consortium there were 23 new referrals. Seven referrals were from parents, 1 from Hospital/Clinic, 2 from Children's Special Health Services, 2 from Day Care, 4 from Right Track Consultant, 1 from Right Track Coordinator, 2 from other RT program and 1 from Head Start.

From Ward County, 15 children followed through with the 2nd screening and passed and 1 has not followed through with the second screening.

6 were not interested

2 were unable to be contacted

10. The Infant Development Staff attended training in Grand Forks February 26th and 27th. The presenter was Robin McWilliams and he talked about Routines Based Assessments.
11. The committee went over the improvement issues needed in order to be in compliance for writing up IFSP's. Improvement activities were listed for Part C Priority Indicators 1 and 7. Kathy and Wendy will update the Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) to reflect the discussion held and continue with the other indicators at our next RICC meeting.

Submitted by Dawn Klein